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(09.0203)

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO KOVALEV ASAP
IN SUPPORT OF OUR SPECIAL REQUEST FOR ADDITION OF SUBJECT TEAM
TO 1976 LIST.

1. DATES: AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 18, 1976

2. TEAM MEMBERS

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DIRECTOR CROP PRODUCTION,

ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT,
COOK INDUSTRIES, MEMPHIS, TENN.
FORMERLY AGRICULTURAL STATIS-
TICIAN WITH USDA. GREW UP
ON FARM IN KANSAS. INTEREST:
ECONOMICS OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

JAKE S. STEPHENS

LARGE COTTON FARMER, BUCKEYE,,
ARIZONA. SPECIALIST IN IRRI-
GATED COTTON PROCUTION, SOUTH-
WESTERN U.S. INTEREST: COMPARISON
OR IRRIGATED COTTON PRODUCTION IN
US AND USSR.

ROBERT W. JOHNSON

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST, USDA.
SERVED AS ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL
ATTACHE IN BRAZIL AND TRAVELED IN
LATIN AMERICAN, AFRICA AND WESTERN
EUROPE TO OBSERVE CROP PRODUCTION.
INTEREST: WORLD COTTON SITUATION.

ANGEL O. BYRNE

FOREIGN REGIONAL ANALYST, SOVIET
UNION AREA, FOREIGN DEMAND AND COM-
PETITION DIVISION, ERS, USDA. MEM-
BER USDA COTTON TEAM TO USSR IN
1972. INTEREST: USSR COTTON PRO-
DUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND TRADE.

ROBERT H. SQUIRES

GENERAL MANAGER, SOUTHWESTERN IRRI-
GATED COTTON GROWERS ASSOC, EL
PASO, TEXAS. INTEREST: GROWING,
GINNING AND MARKETING LONG STAPLE
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UPLAND AND EXTRA-LONG STAPLE COTTON.
ALSO FAMILIAR WITH IRRIGATED-TYPE
FARMING; GRADE, STAPLE AND OTHER
METHODS OF COTTON QUALITY DETERMIN-
ATION, COTTONSEED AND SOYBEAN OIL-
MILLING; WAREHOUSING AND TRANSPOR-
TATION OF COTTON; AND OTHER ASPECTS
OF MERCHANDISING COTTON.

3. TEAM OBJECTIVES: OBSERVE COTTON PRODUCTION IN MAJOR USSR PRODUCING AREAS AND COMPARE PLANTING, CULTIVATION, ROTATION, WEED, INSECT, AND DISEASE CONTROL MEASURES, FERTILIZATION, IRRIGATION AND HARVESTING METHODS. DISCUSS PRODUCTION PRACTICES WITH MINISTRY AND OTHER SPECIALISTS.

VISIT EXPERIMENT STATIONS AND DISCUSS RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTS WITH NEW OR IMPROVED COTTON VARIETIES AND PRODUCTION AND HARVESTING TECHNIQUES, DISEASE CONTRL METHODS, LIMITED TILLAGE TECHNIQUES, SALINITY CONTROL, TEMPERATURE AND DAYLIGHT REQUIREMENTS.

VISIT GINNING, STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND DISCUSS GINNING RATES AND TECHNIQUES AND STORAGE, SAMPLING AND PACKAGING METHODS.

DISCUSS WITH USSR MINISTRY OF LIGHT INDUSTRY AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES STATUS AND NATURE OF COTTON TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND UTILIZATION OF COTTON AND MANMADE FIBERS, GINNING RATES AND AVAILABILITY OF MONTHLY DATA ON COTTON GINNINGS, EXPORTS, CONSUMPTION AND STOCKS.

4. PROPOSED ITINERARY

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1

MOSCOW--PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTRY OF LIGHT INDUSTRY.

SEPTEMBER 2-15

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1. VISIT UZBEK MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. DISCUSS COTTON PROSPECTS FOR 1976; WHETHER ANY PLANS TO GROW WHEAT AND SOYBEANS OR OTHER CROPS IN PLACE OF COTTON.

2. VISIT CENTRAL ASIAN BRANCH OF USSR INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. DISCUSS COTTON PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS.

3. VISIT USSR INSTITUTE OF COTTON GROWING AND USSR INSTITUTE OF COTTON GINNING INDUSTRY.

4. VISIT TWO OR THREE FARMS AND TWO GINS IN GERGAN VALLEY.

ASHKABAD, TURKMENISTAN

1. VISIT TURKMEN & MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

2. VISIT TUKMEN INSTITUE OF SELECTION AND SEED PRODUCTION OF ONG STAPLE COTTON (IOLOTAN).

3. VISIT TWO FARMS ALONG KARAKUM CANAL EAST OF MARY.

4. VISIT ONE OR TWO GINS.

DUSHANBE, TADZHIK SSR

1. VISIT TADZHIK MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

2. VISIT TWO FARMS AND ONE GIN.

SAMARKAN OR BIKHARA

VISIT ONE FARM

NUKUS

VISIT ONE FARM AND ONE GIN.

MOSCOW

FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

AND MINISTRY OF LIGHT INDUSTRY AND MEETINGS WITH MINISTRY OF WATER

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